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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b forms submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b forms, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

Japanese references JP 09-065029, JP2002-131852, and JP 08-336003 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith. Japanese reference JP 2000-232545 is not in the English language but is believed to correspond to listed U.S. Patent No. 6,160,642.

These references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this office action, together with an English language translation, is submitted herewith.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b  
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